GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Release of Soldiers
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to devise a mechanism for expeditious release of soldiers strayed inadvertently to the enemy territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such exchanges taken place since 2014 between India and Pakistan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) & (b) The current mechanisms for securing release of soldiers who stray inadvertently across the Line of Control (LoC) into Pakistan controlled territory are as following:

i. On occurrence of an incident, Pakistan Army is contacted on the hotline existing at the Formation/ Military Operations Directorate.

ii. The case is further pursued by the Directorate General of Military Operations (DGMO) through a telephone contact with the Pakistani counterpart on the hotline.

iii. This Ministry also pursues the matter through diplomatic channels.

(c) No exchange of Army personnel has taken place between India and Pakistan since 2014 through the above channels.